

STATE OF NEVADA
GAMING CONTROL BOARD
CHARITABLE BINGO GAME APPLICATION INFORMATION

Q. WHO MAY OPERATE CHARITABLE BINGO GAMES IN NEVADA?

A. Nevada Revised Statute 463 permits qualified organizations to operate charitable bingo games in Nevada, and assigns responsibility for administration of this provision to the State Gaming Control Board and Nevada Gaming Commission.

Q. WHAT IS A "QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION?"

A. Qualified organizations are defined as bona fide charitable, civic, educational, fraternal, patriotic, political, religious or veterans' organizations that are not operated for profit.

Q. HOW DOES A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION OBTAIN PERMISSION TO OPERATE A CHARITABLE BINGO GAME?

A. A qualified organization may operate a charitable bingo game without obtaining a license under three different circumstances. Based on the value of the prizes, a different procedure is required for each:

1. If the total value of prizes offered in the charitable bingo games does not exceed \$2,500 per calendar quarter, no application or notification to the Board is required; or,
2. If the total value of all prizes offered in charitable bingo games operated by the organization is more than \$2,500 per calendar quarter, but does not exceed \$50,000 during the same calendar year, REGISTRATION is required; or,
3. If the total value of all prizes offered in charitable bingo games operated by the organization is more than \$50,000 during the same calendar year, but does not exceed \$500,000 during the same calendar year, APPROVAL is required.

Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION?

A. The Gaming Control Board Chairman shall register a qualified organization if the organization requests registration, submits a suitable written application (Form GCB-47), and pays a \$10 nonrefundable fee.

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Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL?

- A. The Chairman may approve qualified organizations if he determines that the approval would not be contrary to the public interest. Qualified organizations applying for approval must submit all information required for registration, plus additional information concerning expenses and responsible persons, and a \$25 nonrefundable fee. A Form GCB-47 is also used to apply for approval.

Q. WHAT OTHER STIPULATIONS ARE PLACED ON QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS?

- A. Qualified organizations are required to correct and submit any additional information necessary to maintain a correct and complete application with the Board. Approval of a qualified organization is suspended during the period in which any information becomes inaccurate or incomplete.

Qualified organizations may not compensate any person for the prizes and supplies used in the operation of charitable bingo in an amount that exceeds their fair market value.

Qualified organizations may not provide compensation to any person who is not a regular employee of the organization, or provide additional compensation to any regular employee for services in organizing or operating charitable bingo.

Qualified organizations approved by the Chairman must submit annual financial reports concerning their activities.

Registration and approval are revocable privileges.

Q. WHAT RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON SPENDING MONEY FROM THE NET PROCEEDS OF CHARITABLE BINGO?

- A. The net proceeds may only be expended for the benefit of charitable or nonprofit activities in Nevada.

Q. FOR WHAT PERIOD OF TIME IS A CHARITABLE BINGO REGISTRATION OR APPROVAL VALID?

- A. Unless revoked earlier, the registration or approval of a qualified organization is valid for the calendar year and expires on December 31st.

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Q. WHERE MAY APPLICATION FORMS (GCB-47) BE OBTAINED?

A. Application forms for registration or approval are available from the following Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division Offices:

Las Vegas 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 2600
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Telephone: 486-2020

Reno 495 Apple Street, Suite 102
Reno, NV 89502
Telephone: 688-1115

Elko 557 West Silver Street, Suite 207
Elko, NV 89801
Telephone: 738-7191

Carson City 1919 East College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89702
Telephone: 687-6595

Laughlin 3650 South Pointe Circle, Suite 215
Laughlin, NV 89029
Telephone: 298-0669

Q. HOW WILL WE KNOW IF OUR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR APPROVAL IS ACCEPTED OR DENIED?

A. Registration

The Gaming Control Board Chief of Enforcement will send a "Registration Acknowledgment" letter to the qualified organization within 30 days after receipt of the application, acknowledging the circumstances of registration.

Approval

If the application for approval is complete and the applicant meets all requirements, the Chief of Enforcement will send an Approval Letter to the qualified organization within 60 days after receipt of the application. The letter will approve the operation of the games, and outline the standards of honesty, integrity, and other rules applicable to the operation of charitable bingo games in Nevada.

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Denials

If the Board believes that a denial of registration or denial of approval is warranted, you will receive a written notification of the basis for denial. Notification will be made within 60 days after receipt of your application.

Q. IF OUR APPLICATION IS DENIED, WHAT RECOURSE IS AVAILABLE TO US?

A. If your application for charitable bingo registration or approval has been denied by the Board, you may request a review of the decision. A request for review of the decision must be submitted to the Board Chairman within 20 days after the date of mailing of the written denial notice.

A request for review of the bingo game approval decision must contain a statement of facts relevant to the review; a statement of the provisions of NRS Chapter 463 and any regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission relevant to the review; a statement of the arguments that the applicant considers relevant to the review; a statement of the reasons which justify the review; and any other evidence which the applicant considers relevant to a reversal of the denial by the Board.

If the Board refuses to reverse its denial decision, you may also file a notice of appeal with the Nevada Gaming Commission within 20 days after receipt of the review decision from the Board.

Q. WHOM MAY WE CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

A. Contact the Gaming Control Board Enforcement Division-at the following address:

State Gaming Control Board
Enforcement Division, Operations Section
555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 2600
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Attention: Charitable Bingo Review
Telephone: 486-2020